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MRS. EPPLEY CAN'T BE LEFT ALONE

Slain Policeman's Mother in Dangerous State of Melancholia From Grief

GIVES THANKS FOR FUND

Shows Deep Appreciation of Contributions Sent Her Through the Evening Ledger

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Rev. D. L. McDermott, Anonymous, Cash, F. E. Mulligan, Evening Ledger Staff, etc.

Contributions for the Eppley Relief Fund, addressed to the Evening Ledger, will be forwarded to the bereaved mother.

By MLISS A whole city is expected to protest tonight against the heinous murder by which George D. Eppley, of the Philadelphia police force, came by his death when imported gunmen broke into his home...

But the person who has suffered the most cruelly by the killing will be unable to be present. Mrs. Teresa Eppley, the mother of the murdered man, a trembling, white-haired little woman...

Mrs. Eppley is downstairs for the first time since the murder. In the parlor of the tiny home at 5116 Merion avenue that George Eppley kept for her and her son...

"That one," she said, pointing to the early one, "was taken before he went to school at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic school. Such a bright baby my George was. He was the smartest little fellow."

"The other one," she said, pointing to the later one, "was taken before he became a policeman. I thought it was too dangerous for him to be a policeman, and so I said, 'He took me around once to see his sweetheart, but when I urged him to marry he would say that he couldn't because he loved me the best of all. Oh, life has been cruel to me.'"

Judge Bonnell, who came to see Mrs. Eppley to request her presence at the meeting tonight, was over her with emotion when he saw the mother's grief and went from the room unable to speak.

When the \$163 which sympathizers with the bereaved woman sent to her through the EVENING LEDGER was given to her, she was deeply moved. "I can never show my gratitude, every one has been so kind and I am so sorry that I was not well enough to remember anything. I would have liked to have asked Father McDermott to speak over my boy's body. He has been so kind to us."

Mrs. Eppley, according to a sister-in-law, is in a dangerous state of melancholia due to her loss, and her physician's orders are that she is not to be left alone. "If she were allowed to go to the meeting," this relative said, "it is quite possible that she would die from the excitement of it."

FLOUNDERS AND BOSTON MACKEREL IN MARKET

Lettuce and Cantaloupes Move Into the Plentiful Group—Range of Prices

Flounders from Newport, R. I., and Boston mackerel have again made their appearance in the local fish market, according to the report issued today by J. Russell Smith, chairman of the Food Commission of the Philadelphia Home Defense Committee. Lettuce and cantaloupes have moved into the plentiful group. The latter come chiefly from California and Colorado. Mr. Smith's report on food conditions and prices of fish follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Includes Flounder (medium), Flounder (large), Boston mackerel, etc.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH

Overtaken Cup of Boiling Tea on Itself While Reaching for Bread

Scalds from a cup of hot tea caused the death today of two-year-old Margie Jones of 714 Mount Vernon street, Camden, in the Cooper Hospital.

While his mother's back was turned the child reached for a piece of bread and overturned the boiling liquid. He was burned about the chest and neck.

SHIP ARRIVALS

Arrivals of vessels from foreign countries at the wharves in Philadelphia and Gulf of Mexico for twenty-four hours ending September 24, as reported in the United States Custom House.

TWINNING ISSUES TRANSIT REPLY

Comments on A. Merritt Taylor's Position With Regard to Exchanges

"FALSE," SAYS MR. TAYLOR

A statement on the transit situation, made by Director Twining, of the City Transit Department, today, follows: I have read Mr. Taylor's statement of yesterday. It is an excellent one. I intend, to get into a controversy with the ex-Director with reference to his previous attitude on transit questions, or the rejected Taylor lease; but I feel it my duty, in order that the public may see Mr. Taylor's present position in its true light, to state the main facts in connection with Mr. Taylor's scheme for the abolition of exchange tickets which Mr. Taylor yesterday attempted to repudiate.

On December 20, 1916, a lease prepared by Mr. Taylor was presented to the Board. This lease Mr. Taylor declared "eminently fair" Article XXVII of that lease provided as follows: In consideration of the abolition of exchange tickets as provided in Article 10 of the City Charter, the City will release the lessee (The T. Company) for the term of this contract (fifty years) from the payment of taxes on dividends of its leased and subleased lines as the same are imposed by their respective charters and by any other laws in force at the time of the payment of the same period from the date of the expiration and repairs of street pavements, removal of snow and car license fees.

These abatements would, Mr. Taylor announced, amount to approximately \$42,000,000 during the term of the lease (fifty years). Mr. Taylor is still advocating the fairness of the rejected lease.

His attempt, therefore, to escape responsibility for one of his most objectionable features by directing attention to his attitude on the same subject in the past, is a plain attempt to fool the public.

By what means, in line with Mr. Taylor's general plan to divert public attention from the fundamental advantages of the present transit system, to repeating his criticism of the phraseology of the lease, which the authors have repeatedly expressed themselves as intending to clarify whatever necessary to express their exact intention.

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In other words, to give the city what it will receive under the present lease, the car riders would have had to pay during the term of the Taylor lease \$50 per share on the company's capital stock in excess of the 7 per cent guaranteed dividend.

The balance of Mr. Taylor's statement is merely a repetition of previous assertions on his part which have been fully answered by Doctor Lewis. A. Merritt Taylor, replying to Mr. Twining's statement, said: "This is just an example of Fifth Ward methods introduced into the Transit Department yesterday was a complete answer to its falsity."

CAPT. THERICHSSENS ARRAIGNED FOR TRIAL

Commander of German Raider Faces Accusation of Mann Law Violation

United States Attorney Francis Fisher Kane opened the case in an address to the jury, which was selected after nearly two hours of cross-examination by William A. Gray, counsel for the defendant.

Each juror was asked whether the fact that the accused was an officer in the German navy would influence his judgment in rendering a fair verdict and whether the fact that the raider had attacked and sunk Allied ships would likewise influence his judgment. Many were excused on the ground that they believed they would be influenced by these facts.

Mr. Gray, fearing prejudices, asked the court to postpone the case until after the war. Mr. Kane persisted with an announcement that the delay already had been too great.

Judge Thompson said that the court would see to it that the jury would be fair. In outlining the case, Mr. Kane said the defendant was accused of causing Marie Funk, a German servant girl, to come to Philadelphia from Ithaca, N. Y., in January of this year.

The correspondence between the captain and the girl started shortly after the raider had been interned at League Island. The girl wrote to the captain, calling him a "German hero" and said she, as a German, was justly proud of his exploits. She then was employed with a family on the Main Line. She later moved to Ithaca and the captain is accused of arranging for her return to this city, an alleged violation of the white slave act.

Captain Therichsens will have to face two other charges. He is accused of sending obscene letters through the mails and smuggling nine chronometers from his ship. He will be tried on each charge before a separate jury.

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"TOM" ARMSTRONG IS FUSION CHIEF

Independent Councils Leader in "Revolt of 1905" Selected

A PRACTICAL REFORMER

Thomas F. Armstrong, former leader of the Independent forces in Councils, has been chosen chairman of the new independent movement that has been launched to defeat the Vars-Smith ticket at the general election on November 5.

Mr. Armstrong will act as chairman of the mass-meeting in the Academy of Music tonight. His appointment as permanent chairman of the new independent party will be officially announced later.

The man who will direct the campaign to overthrow the Vars-Smith city administration, was the leader among the champions of the citizens' rights in Councils during the municipal uprising of 1905, under Mayor Weaver. Although elected on the Republican ticket, he espoused the cause of the anti-Organization element in that fight, and was one of the principal lieutenants of Mayor Weaver when Weaver fought the Republican machine. His record is of the highest and he is a practical reformer.

COURT CONSIDERS DRAFT OF ALIENS

Question of Treaty Rights Is Argued Before Judge Dickinson

FULL BENCH TO DECIDE

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The Republican organization had no interest in the affairs of the Fifth Ward and had not the slightest participation in them. The belligerent factions have been mauling each other at every election in this ward for twenty years. There are not more than 2000 voters in it at the most, and there is no reason that will appeal to a Republican to support the disgraced political conditions in the Fifth Ward. This ward is of no importance whatsoever to the Republican party.

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The business, over which the two brothers are fighting, was founded by their father, Ferdinand, in 1887, who associated them as partners in 1902, and the firm then became known as Fred Werner & Sons. Five years later a corporation was formed with a capital stock of \$75,000, consisting of 750 shares at \$100 per share, and a charter was obtained from the State, which added the word "company" to the old name of the partnership.

Despite the incorporating of the firm, Albert pointed out, the business was continued under the old partnership arrangement, the father and two sons sharing equally in the constantly increasing profits.

The father died on September 15, 1916. Albert alleged that shortly before their father's death Frederick declared to the plaintiff that he proposed to conduct the business as he pleased "without the aid, assistance, consent or presence of the plaintiff, Albert." In their reply, the defendants enter a general denial of the charges.

INCOME FROM WASTE PAPER

Balers Placed in Schools Give Big Return on Investment

Waste paper has become a source of income to the Board of Education, according to a statement issued today by Secretary William Dick from his offices in the Keystone Building, Nineteenth street above Chestnut street.

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71-2-CENT SUGAR PLEDGED BY EARLE

Head of Pennsylvania Company Says It Will Be Supplied "Without Stint"

NAMED AS A SUPERVISOR

Sugar at seven and a half cents a pound "without stint" is pledged to the public by George H. Earle, Jr., president of the Pennsylvania Sugar Company and named by National Food Administrator Hoover as Philadelphia's representative on a committee of refiners who are to assist the National Council on Sugar.

"The annual consumption of refined sugar by our own 100,000,000 people," Mr. Earle is quoted as saying, "is 3,800,000 tons. We get from Cuba 3,500,000 tons; Porto Rico, 600,000 tons; Louisiana, 400,000 tons; Hawaii, 600,000 tons; Philippines, 300,000 tons; beet sugars, 1,000,000 tons; total, 6,400,000 tons."

"You see, we can go on putting just as much in our own tea and coffee as we have been and have 2,600,000 tons to spare to our Allies, who get their other supplies of sugar in part from British West Indies, Java, Mauritius and from the beets of Canada, France and Russia."

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MURDER IN COURT

U. S. Service Man Said to Be Willing to Go Back to Kentucky for Trial

Owen Wright, a marine stationed at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, was today held without bail by Magistrate Pennock, in Central Police Court, charged with the murder of Herbert Bright, in Burnside, Ky., October 9, 1915, as a result of a long-standing feud, and expressed a willingness to return to that place for trial.

"I did it in self defense," he told the Magistrate. "They were had feeling between us for a long time, and armed with several large stones, he taunted me when we met in the street. Fearing bodily harm I drew my revolver and fired four times."

Wright escaped after the shooting, and five months ago entered the marine corps in this city.

EXONERATE AUTOIST IN CHILD'S DEATH

David Wilson, of 264 North Fifth street, was exonerated by the Coroner's jury in connection with the death of David Geisel, six years old, of 262 North Alder street, who was struck and killed by Wilson's automobile on September 22. Witnesses testified that the child was riding on the back of a huckster's wagon when it crossed the sidewalk, and jumped off in front of Wilson's car.

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"FOLKS BACK HOME" WILL MEET TONIGHT

Relatives of Drafted Men of 8th District to "Get Together" for Conference

A "get-together" meeting for the relatives of the drafted men of the Eighth District will be held this evening at 1007 Spring Garden street, Edward F. Swift, chairman of the exemption board of the Eighth District, who is sponsoring the movement, has invited relatives of the men who have left asking them to come to the meeting.

"As the months go on," said Mr. Swift, "there is bound to be loneliness on the part of those who have given up their menfolk. I think that a spirit of comradeship should be engendered between these people, and movements for providing little comforts for those at camp may be started. If there is anybody in our ward who is in actual want through the head of the family going to camp I want to know about it!"

"I was sitting here the other night," continued Mr. Swift, "when a frail-looking mother with two small children came in. She told me with tears that her husband had gone to Camp Meade and that she was doing for her. I asked her why her husband had not claimed exemption on the ground of dependents, and she explained her case to me."

"It seemed that they had both agreed that the husband should go to camp. He was a man who drank a little too much, and both felt that the discipline would be good for her. But he was not gone long before the little woman found that even a tipsy husband is a better provider than no husband at all. He can send her some of his pay, but in these days of high prices that would merely be a drop in the bucket in providing for two children and for herself. I told her I would see what I could do for her. I asked her what she would like to take her case up with the President. Surely this woman was not meant to be thrown upon a community."

Mr. Swift is inclined to believe that some help could be extended this winter to some families among those whose heads are at Camp Meade. "I hope they will come up for what help they can get, and little assistance we can give them," said Mr. Swift. "We'll do the best we can."

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER FIVE MORE TUGBOATS

Owners Glad to Help Uncle Sam, but Fear Coming Inability to Move Commerce

Five more tugboats have been taken over by the United States Government, further reducing the already inadequate number for commercial purposes. Towboat men say that the situation is becoming serious. While they are glad that they have the motive power to aid the Government, they believe that it will only be a short time until industries will be handicapped because of the insufficient supply of tugs to move barges and other craft loaded with raw products consigned to manufacturers.

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CARLISLE, Pa., Sept. 27.—Attacked by a neighbor, Charles Myers, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Myers, White Hill, is in a critical condition. The mother left the baby sleeping and returned a short time later to find that he had been beaten about the head and shoulders.

EARL OF MOUNT EDGEMBE DIES

LONDON, Sept. 27.—William Henry FitzGerald, fourth Earl of Mount Edgemburgh, Lord Lieutenant and V. C. Admiral of the Royal Navy, died at Plymouth.

GET RIGHT OF WAY TO BIG SHIP PLAN

U. S. Government Authorized to Use Short Route to Hog Island

WILL EXPEDITE WORK

25,000 Laborers Required in New Future for Facilitating Mighty Project

Right of way over city-owned property in the southwestern section of Philadelphia has been granted to the United States Army in order to facilitate the tentative shipbuilding which will start at the proposed plant at Hog Island, Port Mifflin.

Decision to grant this privilege was made at a conference this afternoon between Director Datasman, of the Department of Public Works, and Mayor Smith. The right of way will be a strip of land 100 feet wide, extending diagonally from a point near the Pennsylvania Railroad station to the Hog Island plant. This strip of land will be about one and a half miles in length and will greatly facilitate the transportation of materials to the site. The strip of land was used as at one time granted as a right of way to the Southwestern Street, but the right was forfeited, it is said, because the company failed to abide by its conditions.

GRANT OF RIGHT OF WAY

The request for the right of way was taken up by Walter Goodenough, general manager for the American Iron and Steel Corporation, with H. E. Frick, representative of the United States Shipping Board, whose office is in the Finance Building. The desirability of obtaining a right of way was strongly urged by Mr. Goodenough, who pointed out to Mr. Frick the many important advantages which such a right of way would mean to the Government in the event it has planned to do at Hog Island. The right was granted as a result of an agreement between the city and the Director Datasman last Saturday.

In order to close the matter as quickly as possible to ascertain in what way the city could most quickly place this right of way in the hands of the Government, the city took up the case with City Solicitor Connelly, who advised that there should be an agreement between the city and the Government specifically setting forth all facts necessary to make the right of way a fact. Director Datasman placed all facts before Mayor Smith today, who pointed out to Mr. Frick the many important advantages which such a right of way would mean to the Government in the event it has planned to do at Hog Island. The right was granted as a result of an agreement between the city and the Director Datasman last Saturday.

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TRANSPORTATION

Freight—Express—Motor Trucks

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The whole world is relying on motor trucks to do efficient and speedy work. But the truck itself cannot do it alone. OFFICERS, EXECUTIVES, MANAGERS—the responsibility is yours. It is your patriotic duty to see to it personally that your delivery system is adequately equipped and efficiently supervised.

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